

## VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

I have followed the problems with electronic voting machines quite carefully. There are ways to correct them, but I have zero confidence that it can be done by a privately-held, secretive company whose CEO, Wally Odell is a Bush Pioneer and promised "to deliver Ohio" for Bush in 2004. How would Republicans like to cast their votes on machines made by a pro-Hillary company which has fought safeguards and wants to wire them all together, making the fixing of an election an easy prospect? The machines need cards that can easily be verified by the voter and recounted if necessary. The machines must not be networked in any way as this makes hacking the election by insiders or outsiders a piece of cake. If I see a Diebold machine in my precinct, I will not vote. I will assume Democracy in my corner of the United States is dead. Voting is the only power we the people have; how the votes are counted should be determined by security and not expediency. Once people lose faith that their!

votes are being accurately counted (as is already the case where electronic machines with poor verification are in place) then democracy will be completely undermined.

"He who casts a vote decides nothing; he who counts the votes decides everything." --Joseph Stalin

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.

